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I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled

Meiotic Spindle Imaging In Oocytes And Uses Therefor In In Vitro Fertilization

the specification of which has been filed under Serial No. **09/891,598** on **June 25, 2001**.

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